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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 23, 2006, for which a response is due on January 23, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested. Enclosed herewith are the following exhibits:

Exhibit 1. Colford 1997 Presentation (Ex. I of Scantibodies' '566 patent reexamination request 90/007,685);

Exhibit 2. Colford 1997 Abstract (Ex. A of Scantibodies' '566 patent reexamination request 90/007,685);

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Exhibit 3. Jensen 1996 Poster (Ex. J of Scantibodies' '566 patent reexamination request 90/007,685);

Exhibit 4. Declaration of John Colford (Ex. K of Scantibodies' '566 patent reexamination request 90/007,685); and

Exhibit 5. Gao et al., *J. Bone Miner. Res.*, 16(4):605-14 (2001) (Ex. L of Scantibodies' '566 patent reexamination request 90/007,685).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.